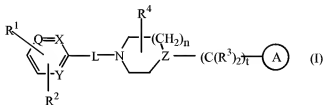


**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application.*

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I),



the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereo-chemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

*n* is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and when *n* is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

*t* is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and when *t* is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

each Q is  $\text{—C}\equiv\text{N}$ ;

each X is nitrogen ;

each Y is nitrogen ;

each Z is nitrogen ;


R<sup>1</sup> is -C(O)NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>, -NHC(O)R<sup>9</sup>, -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediyISR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)N(OH)R<sup>9</sup>,  
-NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediyISR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)C=N(OH)R<sup>9</sup> or another Zn-chelating-group  
wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy,  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or aminoaryl;  
R<sup>9</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl,  
arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpyrazinyl, pyridinone, pyrrolidinone or methylimidazolyl;  
R<sup>10</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

$R^2$  is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, hydroxyamino or naphthalenylsulfonylpyrazinyl;

-L- is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from  $C_{1-6}$ alkanediyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanediyoxy, amino, carbonyl or aminocarbonyl;

each  $R^3$  independently represents a hydrogen atom and one hydrogen atom can be replaced by a substituent selected from aryl;

$R^4$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aminocarbonyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxyaminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

— is a radical selected from



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(a-2)



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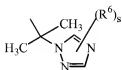
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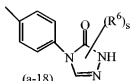
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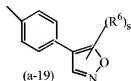
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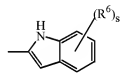
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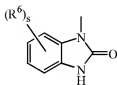
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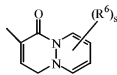
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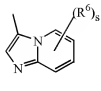
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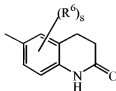
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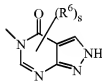
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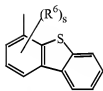
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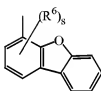
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wherein each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;



each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted with aryl and C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; (aryl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy; aryloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; arylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenediyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;


di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;  
di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;  
aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;  
di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl; thiophenyl  
substituted with di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, or di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
furanlyl; furanlyl substituted with hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; benzofuranlyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl;  
oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl;  
pyrrolyl; piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; morpholinyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylmorpholinyl; morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;  
morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
morpholinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; piperazinyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; piperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; naphthalenylsulfonylpiperazinyl;  
naphthalenylsulfonylpiperidinyl; naphthalenylsulfonyl;  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl;  
aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;  
aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;  
di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinyl;  
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino;  
(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; di(hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with two substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from halo, amino, nitro, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy carbonyl, aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminocarbonyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, cyano, piperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl, aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl, di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy piperidinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy piperidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, (hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, di(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, di(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, furanyl, furanyl substituted with -CH=CH-CH=CH-, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, pyrrolidinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, morpholinyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, piperazinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, piperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl, tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, piperidinylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino,

(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
pyridinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy,  
hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,  
di(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,  
aminosulfonylpiperazinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyloxy, or thiophenylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino;  
each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> can be placed on the nitrogen in replacement of the hydrogen;

aryl in the above is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one or more substituents each  
independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or  
hydroxycarbonyl.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein n is 1 or 2; t is 0, 1, 2 or 4; each Q is ; R<sup>1</sup> is -C(O)NH(OH); R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or nitro; -L- is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediyl; R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen;  is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (a-5), (a-6), (a-11), (a-18), (a-20), (a-21), (a-32), (a-33), (a-47) or (a-51); each s is independently 0, 1, 2, or 4; each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted with aryl and C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; benzofuranyl; naphthalenylsulfonyl; pyridinyl substituted with aryloxy; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one substituent independently selected from hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl.
3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein t is 1, 2, 3, or 4; R<sup>1</sup> is -C(O)NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>, -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediylSR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)N(OH)R<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediylSR<sup>9</sup>, -NR<sup>10</sup>C(O)C≡N(OH)R<sup>9</sup> or another Zn-chelating group wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;  
R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino;  
-L- is a direct bond or a bivalent radical selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkanediylloxy, amino or carbonyl;  
R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminocarbonyl, aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylaminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

— is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42), (a-44), (a-45), (a-46), (a-47), (a-48) and (a-51);

each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; aryloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; cyano; thiophenyl; furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; morpholinyl;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylmorpholinyl; piperazinyl;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylpiperazinyl;



C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxypiperidinyl; pyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with one or two substituents selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; trihaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl;

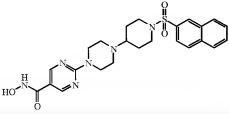
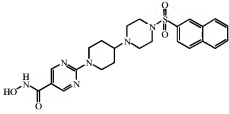
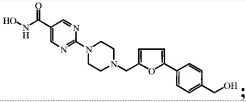
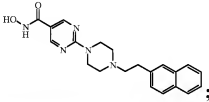
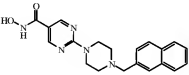
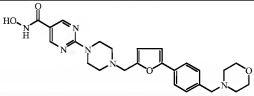
C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; aryloxy; di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino; cyano; pyridinyl;

phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein n is 1; t is 0 or 1; each Q is ; each X is nitrogen; each Y is nitrogen; R<sup>1</sup> is -C(O)NH(OH); R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen; -L- is a direct bond; each R<sup>3</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom; R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen; — is a radical selected from (a-6), (a-11), (a-20), (a-47) or (a-51); each s is independently 0, 1, or 4; and each R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy; naphthalenylsulfonyl; or phenyl substituted with hydroxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or morpholinylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl.



5. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

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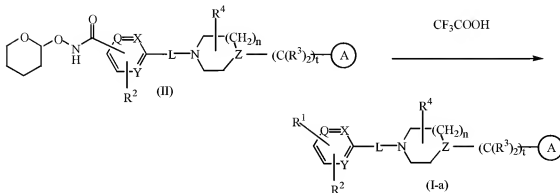
6. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

7. (Previously Presented) A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and the compound according to claim 1 are intimately mixed.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, said method comprising: reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with an acid yielding a hydroxamic acid of formula (I-a), wherein  $R^1$  is  $-C(O)NH(OH)$



11. (Currently Amended) A method of detecting or identifying a HDAC in a biological sample comprising detecting or measuring the formation of a complex between a labelled compound as defined in claim 1 and a HDAC.

12. (Cancelled)